REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	21 November 1995
Name of applicant/court:	Stephen Bell
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled
Other Known Titles:	Storm 2/ Storm 3 (Part) GIFS 7
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Disk 3 1/2"
Country of Origin:	Not Applicable
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The publication contains eight photographic images. Seven of these explicitly show women in sexual poses, or women and men in poses of sexual activity; the predominant focus is on the women. While there are degrading and dehumanising aspects to these images, these aspects are countered by a focus on the participants as wholes. The remaining image shows a woman securely bound, with a focus on her restraint. No internal context explains her restraint. Her restraint is sexualised by her fetish clothing and the sexual nature of the surrounding images. In the light of these factors, the image presents her restraint as sexually attractive, with overtones of sexual violence and coercion and degradation through punishment.

The submitter has said that the publication is intended for his personal use, and for use with respect to his professional interests in censorship of computer networks and bulletin-board systems. The Classification Office notes his right under Section 14 of the Bill of Rights Act 1990 to “the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form.” Under Section 5 of the Bill of Rights Act 1990, this freedom is subject “only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.”

In consideration of the issues discussed above, the publication is classified as objectionable.

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